Common name

Araluen gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Wet forest and grassy or shrubby woodland, near streams. Ranges and the eastern edge of the tablelands, between the Kings Highway and Deua National Park.

Notes

Tree to 30 m tall. Bark rough on part or most of the trunk, usually rough for up to 4 m from the ground; scaly, fibrous-flaky, or 'box' type, grey or grey-brown to pale brown. Smooth bark shedding in long ribbons, occasionally with horizontal black scars. Branchlets often glaucescent. Juvenile stems rounded or square in cross section, glaucescent, warty. Juvenile leaves stalkless, often cordate, opposite each other for many pairs, 4.5-6.5 cm long, 15-45 mm wide, glaucescent. Crown often consisting of stalked, broadly
lance head shaped, intermediate and adult leaves alternating up the stems. Adult leaves 8-26.5 cm long, 10-36 mm wide, dull, green to blue-green or glaucous. Flowers white, with 0 petals. Flower clusters 3-flowered. Mature flower buds 5–7 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers Summer. Gumnuts 4-9 mm in diameter, often glaucous. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have strongly protruding valves.

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